Memorandum

TO: Tim Swadley, Mayor

Dave Ehlinger, Finance Director

FROM: Joshua Ripp, Fire Chief

DATE: May 18, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Grant Request

Good Day, I'm requesting permission to make a grant application for the 2023 Fiscal year with the Wisconsin DNR. This is an annual grant program that helps provide Wisconsin fire departments to be better equipped to wildland/brush fires. Stoughton Fire Department has been successful in receiving grants for the past 2 years (2021 and 2022). Most of this was adding wildland brush gear to our personal protective gear package for our firefighters. This gear is flame resistant, but much lighter and creates less stress on our firefighters. This is a 50/50 matching grant (DNR provides 50% of the cost, Stoughton Fire Department provides 50% of the cost.

I need to make my application by July 1, 2022. We would then receive the notification on receiving or being denied the grant application by October 1 (historically) with us needing to provide a document accepting or turning down the grant by October 15. If we don't accept the grant at that point, we aren't penalized (such as if the budget request wasn't included in the budget at that point).

I would do as I have in the past, and submit the 50% cost for Stoughton Fire Department to pay, as part of my capital budget request. My requests this year will be:

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Est. $1,100 - Addition of a Foam System to the 2020 Brush Truck: This wasn't ordered as part of the initial skid unit. This will get it to match our other brush/wildland vehicles using Foam, which helps us extinguish, and make sure those fires are out.

Est $3,350 – Purchase of 10 boots applicable for wildland gear: Footwear for wildland firefighting boots can be a different configuration. We will determine which boots we will go with later, but current pricing is looking to be putting us at $335 per pair, with us starting at 10 pairs of boots.

Est $10,000 – Replacement Skid unit for our 6-wheel drive ATV: We had this in 2022's budget, but weren't able to get delivery of the unit in time to meet the June 15th deadline. We will re-apply (the recommendation from the DNR) for next year for the unit, including an increase in price due to higher costs. I will be requesting carryover of our capital money at budget discussions as well.

I have included a number of documents that are comparable (or will be) in the grant paperwork for the 2023 WI Department of Natural Resources grant. Please contact me with any questions.